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SUBJECT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR ON JOBERT'S ALLEGED STATEMENTS

1. ON MARCH 27 FRENCH AMBASSADOR ANDRE NEGRE CAME UP TO ME AT A DINNER GIVEN BY THE JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR AND ASKED IF I HAD A COPY OF THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE IN WHICH ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE CONCERNING JOBERT'S ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE ARABS TO MAINTAIN THE OIL BOYCOTT. I TOLD HIM I HAD NOT SEEN THE ARTICLE. HE ASKED IF I COULD FURNISH IT TO HIM IF I RECEIVED IT AND I SAID I WOULD. HE THEN STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT PRIME MINISTER JOBERT NEVER DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF OIL WHILE HE WAS IN DAMASCUS AND HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE ORIGIN OF THESE REPORTS. I AGAIN TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT.

2. MEANWHILE, THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A SPECIAL QUERY FROM HIS FOREIGN MINSITRY TO TRACK DOWN THE ORIGIN OF THE STORY. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT OTHER THAN WHAT I HAD SEEN IN THE BEIRUT PRESS WHICH WAS NOT VERY MUCH.
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3. ANY GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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